

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2003 – 0530 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 172 new fires reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

A Unified Area Command has been established between a National Area Command Team (Mann), the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (Heil) and the San Bernardino County Fire Department (Wurl) to manage the Old and Grand Prix fires. A Unified Area Command has been established between the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (Turner) and the Forest Service (Hatcher) to manage the Cedar and Paradise fires.

OLD, San Bernardino National Forest. A Unified Command between two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Mortier and Cable), a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Wendt) and local fire agencies is in place. This fire is in chaparral on the north side of San Bernardino, CA. Minimal fire activity was limited to heavy fuels, snags and stumps.

GRAND PRIX, San Bernardino Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. A transfer of command from the Unified Command between Studebaker's Type 1 Incident Management Team and local fire agencies to Cable's Type 1 Incident Management Team will occur today. This fire is in heavy chaparral, two miles west of Mira Loma, CA. Smoldering was observed. All evacuation orders have been lifted.

CEDAR, Cleveland National Forest. A Unified Command between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) and a California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection Type 1 Incident Command Team (Hawkins) is in place. This fire is in chaparral, ten miles east of Ramona, CA. Some creeping and smoldering with minor flare-ups were observed.

PARADISE, Monte Vista Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. A California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection Type 1 Incident Command Team (Snell) is assigned. This fire is in heavy chaparral, six miles northeast of Escondido, CA. Minimal fire activity was observed.

PIRU, Los Padres National Forest. A transfer of command from the Unified Command between Vail's Type 1 Incident Management Team and Karrigan's California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection Type 1 Incident Command Team to a Type 3 organization occurred yesterday. This fire is in grass and brush, 14 miles northwest of Santa Clarita, CA. Minimal fire activity was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
OLD	CA	BDF	91,281	93	11/8	2,998	73	156	16	1003	28.9M
GRAND PRIX	CA	BDU	59,448	98	11/4	588	9	6	0	196	11.5M
CEDAR	CA	CNF	280,293	99	11/4	1,378	27	119	4	2,820	19.1M
PARADISE	CA	MVU	56,700	77	11/6	1,745	56	103	11	368	9.1M
PIRU	CA	LPF	63,991	85	11/10	145	4	0	2	8	7.7M

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A trough of low pressure persists over the West with a high pressure ridge along the East coast. The main band of moisture extends from Idaho and Montana to the New England states and also over the southeast corner of the country.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Partly cloudy.	60 to 75 coastal areas. 40 to 55 mountains. 60 to 75 valleys. 55 to 70 upper desert. 70 to 80 low desert.	15 to 30% desert. 30 to 45% mountains. 30 to 45% valleys. 40 to 55% coast.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

FREQUENT SPOT FIRES ACROSS THE LINE

There are few watchout situations that state more clearly how much potential your fire has for rapid, uncontrolled growth. Consider the following questions if you are getting spot fires across your line:

- Can you handle increased spotting? List some ways you can keep ahead of spot fires (gridding the green, lookouts, etc.)
- Do you have a plan for long-range spotting? In what fuel type and under what conditions will you likely have long-range spotting? What types of plans can you think of for handling long-range spotting?
- Is help available if necessary? What kinds of resources will you have in place or order to handle spot fires?
- If fire behavior increases, is your position still defensible? Discuss what type of action you might take if a spot fire takes off.
- Do you have more than one safety zone in case one gets cut off? Describe how you might have multiple safety zones.
- Do the primary lookouts have a good view of the situation? Discuss who might be acting as a lookout (e.g., crew member, air resources, etc.) and how you will get good information from that person. (Are you relying on an air attack who is busy with airtankers?)
- Is the primary burning period ending? Talk about how your tactics may vary from finding spot fires early in the day to later into the evening. Review Probability of Ignition (PIG) and what it can tell you about spotting potential.
- To reduce the risk, be ready to retreat. Keep your guard up even if spotting has not occurred for a few hours. Review fires where you have had frequent spot fires and what you learned about controlling them.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES					10	1	11
	ACRES					2	0	2
Northern Rockies	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						4	4
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						7	7
Southern Area	FIRES	1			1	131	20	153
	ACRES	2			1	1,913	143	2,059
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	1	141	29	172
	ACRES	2	0	0	1	1,915	154	2,072

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	15	22	11	402	13	465
	ACRES	23	40,821	266,855	3,980	247,925	2	559,606
Northwest	FIRES	306	250	15	50	1,919	1,300	3,840
	ACRES	24,278	18,153	16	1,170	50,586	331,464	425,667
Northern California	FIRES	168	72	17	21	3,097	1,275	4,650
	ACRES	243	12,633	603	6,879	81,551	38,452	140,361
Southern California	FIRES	69	140	10	76	2,945	862	4,102
	ACRES	1,656	42,055	360	1,828	269,564	262,710	578,173
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,038	71	34	86	994	1,541	3,764
	ACRES	88,242	69,435	23,280	166,679	169,442	366,058	883,136
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	847	7	46	907	1,071	2,937
	ACRES	19,424	131,580	1,244	2,733	56,154	143,471	354,606
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	457	1	11	122	177	776
	ACRES	2	11,537	79	6	1,982	3,284	16,890
Southwest	FIRES	937	193	5	69	902	2,136	4,242
	ACRES	35,702	5,917	284	11,834	16,209	203,456	273,402
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	185	802	40	48	4,221	754	6,050
	ACRES	20,214	17,477	1,964	783	74,582	58,562	173,582
Eastern Area	FIRES	962		114	37	10,372	520	12,005
	ACRES	53,155		8,195	708	116,630	5,804	184,492
Southern Area	FIRES	158		46	16	13,683	396	14,299
	ACRES	21,884		12,130	1,839	207,519	9,329	252,701
TOTAL	FIRES	3,892	2,847	311	471	39,564	10,045	57,130
	ACRES	264,823	349,608	315,010	198,439	1,292,144	1,422,592	3,842,616

Nine Year Average Fires	79,866
Nine Year Average Acres	4,917,898

Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the first reporting period in November

and

Changes in some agency YTD agency acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3						3
	ACRES	258						258
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						81	81
Northern Rockies	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						50	50
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						408	408
Southern Area	FIRES			1			4	5
	ACRES			61			2,754	2,815
TOTAL	FIRES	3	0	1	0	0	9	13
	ACRES	258	0	61	0	0	3,293	3,612

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	43	105	34	3		347	532
	ACRES	7,169	28,222	6,432	123		45,073	87,019
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	19		138	278
	ACRES	31	267	21,764	2,513		11,053	35,628
Southern California	FIRES		2	6	9		93	110
	ACRES		27	768	3,335		13,756	17,886
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	10	96	4	45	433	600
	ACRES	502	6,972	15,325	760	2,448	29,675	55,682
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	34	8		19	59	121
	ACRES	18	33,462	410		2,604	22,370	58,864
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		3		1	11
	ACRES		1,120		2,084		230	3,434
Southwest	FIRES	25	37	19	9	3	347	440
	ACRES	4,974	32,711	39,373	8,183	12	59,168	144,421
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	34	101	9	19	222	415
	ACRES	1,777	27,509	13,820	9,592	2,215	20,697	75,610
Eastern Area	FIRES	26		377	16	522	232	1,173
	ACRES	10,640		68,556	1,823	84,961	28,107	194,087
Southern Area	FIRES	54		281	105	16,007	1,282	17,729
	ACRES	19,404		97,580	85,021	827,577	955,207	1,984,789
TOTAL	FIRES	193	236	1,034	177	16,621	3,154	21,415
	ACRES	44,515	130,290	264,028	113,434	921,372	1,185,336	2,658,975

*****Changes in some agency YTD agency acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments*****

WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			42,800				42,800
Northwest	FIRES				9		3	12
	ACRES				3,544		251	3,795
Northern California	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						2	2
Southern California	FIRES	2			52		55	109
	ACRES	0			9,289		24,808	34,097
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8			3		74	85
	ACRES	42			602		56,854	57,498
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				7		33	40
	ACRES				448		15,835	16,283
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				10		19	29
	ACRES				3,555		159,608	163,163
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		25		2		3	30
	ACRES		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				2,715			2,715
TOTAL	FIRES	10	31	1	93	0	192	327
	ACRES	42	1,648	42,800	20,153	0	259,227	323,870

*****Changes in some agency YTD agency acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments*****

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest									2	
Northern California	2									
Southern California	73	108	118	279	18	18			808	889
Northern Rockies	4	1	1	12		2			33	25
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area									3	
Southern Area			1						10	
Total	79	109	120	291	18	20	0	0	856	914

*** NATIONAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATION CENTER ***